

STATE OF WASHINGTON



**OFFICE OF
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER**

**BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

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In the Matter of)	
)	NO. D. 99 - 24
ARGUS HEALTH SERVICES and)	
ARGUS DENTAL,)	ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST
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Unauthorized and Unregistered Entities)	
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and)	
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DEAN TUCCI,)	
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an Unlicensed Affiliate, Administrator,)	
and Agent.)	
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TO: Argus Health Services, Argus Dental, and
Dean Tucci
765 N. Rte. 83, Suite 113
Bensenville, Illinois 60191

Pursuant to RCW 48.02.080, Argus Health Services, Argus Dental, and Dean Tucci are hereby ORDERED to cease, and desist from, the solicitation and transaction of dental coverage and the use of false and misleading representations relative to such coverage in the state of Washington.

THIS ORDER IS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING FACTS:

1. Argus Health Services and Argus Dental are acting as dental coverage carriers transacting business in the state of Washington without being authorized or registered to do so pursuant to

RCW 48.05.030, RCW 48.44.015 or RCW 48.46.027. Its affiliate, administrator and agent is participating in the solicitation and transaction of such coverage without being properly licensed pursuant to RCW 48.17.060, RCW 48.44.011 or RCW 48.46.023 and consequently is a source of loss and injury to the people of this state.

2. As an example, consumer Victor Zollman, Sr. was solicited to join the Argus Dental Plan and paid \$109.95 to do so. When Mr. Zollman sought dental treatment he was informed there were no dentists with the Argus plan in his area. Mr. Zollman requested the money he paid be returned plus the \$12.00 overdraft fee incurred. Although representatives of Argus Dental have made verbal assurances of reimbursement of these funds, there has been none forthcoming.

Subject to a demand for hearing pursuant to RCW 48.04.010 and chapter 34.05 RCW this Order shall remain in effect pending the further Order of the Commissioner.

THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND IS ENTERED this 15th day of March, 1999.

DEBORAH SENN
Insurance Commissioner

By

MARY M. COTTER
Enforcement Attorney